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SUBJ: EMBASSY REPORTING AND ANALYSIS

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1. APPRECIATE YOUR DESIRE FOR AS MUCH REPORTING AS POSSIBLE ON OUR FAST- MOVING AND MANY- SIDED SITUATION. MUCH OF OUR CURRENT EFFORT IS BEING DIRECTED TOWARD VISITORS (IN THE TEN- DAY PERIOD APRIL 2-10 WE HAVE HAD OR WILL HAVE VISITS BY CODEL BROOKE; STAFFDEL LOWENSTEIN AND MOOSE, THE SEATAC TEAM OF SOME 25 PERSON; MAJOR GENERAL PRICE, HQ, USAF; A FOUR- MAN CINCPAC GROUP INCLUDING POLAD AND TWO GENERALS; AMBASSADOR GODLEY; AND GENERAL HAIG PLUS PARTY OF SEVEN). WITH THE TIME AND ENERGY LEFT WE ARE CONCENTRATING ON THE MEKONG CONVOY AND ON CONTACTS WITH KEY KHMER ON POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND MILITARY QUESTIONS WHICH AS YOUR KNOW ARE OF A HIGHLY OPERATIONAL AND IMMEDIATE CHARACTER. WE WILL CONTINUE TO TRY TO COVER THE ESSENTIALS AND TO KEEP YOU FULLY ABREAST OF DEVELOPMENTS BUT WISH YOU TO BE AWARE OF THE NUMEROUS PRESSURES ON A HARD- WORKING STAFF.

2. WITH RESPECT TO C-130 AMMO AIRLIFTS (REFTTEL), THESE ARE NOT AN INNOVATION. FROM AUGUST TO DECEMBER 1972 THEY AVERAGED TWO SORTIES A DAY INTO POCHENTONG WITH A DAILY AVERAGE INCREASING TO 2.5 IN JANUARY, TO 3 IN FEBRUARY, AND TO 6 IN MARCH.

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3. THE STATUS OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS IN PHNOM PENH
IS COVERED IN REGULAR WEEKLY MESSAGES PREPARED BY THE
ECON SECTION. WE ASSUME YOU ARE ON DISTRIBUTION FOR THEM.
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